

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1 - 32 are pending.*

Claims 1 – 32 stand rejected.

Claims 2 – 12, 14 – 23 and 25 – 32 have been cancelled without prejudice.

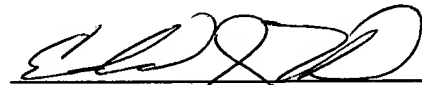
REMARKS

By this amendment, Applicant cancels Claims 2 – 32 without prejudice solely for the non-limiting purpose of simplifying the issues for appeal, and subject to Applicant's right to re-introduce and seek further prosecution of these now cancelled claims in a related application. Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Should there be any questions or outstanding matters, the Examiner is cordially invited and requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at his number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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* Applicant notes Claim 21 was cancelled in the previous Amendment mailed December 22, 2004.